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Committee Bill No. 5701

LCO No. 5072

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AND REFUSALS
OF THE USE OF PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS BY CHILDREN.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) Each local and regional board of education shall
2 adopt and implement policies (1) prohibiting any school personnel
3 from recommending the use of psychotropic drugs for any child, and
4 (2) requiring that if school personnel perceive that a child may have a
5 behavioral or psychological problem, a letter shall be sent to the parent
6 or other person having control of the child recommending that an
7 appropriate medical evaluation be conducted by a licensed physician.

8 Sec. 2. (NEW) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes
9 or the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, the refusal of a parent
10 or other person having control of a child to administer or consent to
11 the administration of any psychotropic drug to such child shall not, in
12 and of itself, constitute grounds for the Department of Children and
13 Families to take such child into custody or for any court of competent
14 jurisdiction to order that such child be taken into custody by the
15 department.

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit school personnel from recommending the use of psychotropic drugs for any child and to provide that the refusal of a parent or other person having control of a child to give any psychotropic drug to such child shall not constitute grounds for the Department of Children and Families to take such child into custody.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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